Kerala for opening an Office of the Protector of Emigrants at Calicut with an offer to provide office space and the services of one of their officers on deputation basis for manning it was received. However, keeping in view the reduced out-flow.. of workers to other countries for work because of various reasons as also the fact that two Offices of Protector of Emigrants are already functioning in the State of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram and Cochin, it was not considered feasible to open an office at Calicut.

Submission of Report on Child Labour by the States

†4211.SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report regarding the Child Labours in the States have been submitted to Government;

(b) the State-wise percentage of child labour, at present;

(c) whether Government have sought any foreign assistance for elimination of problem of child labour in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) No such report has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million. The State-wise position is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) India has been participating in the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) since 1992. Under the programme funds are provided by the ILO Area Office to the implementing agencies after approval of action programmes by the National Steering Committee. As per information received the ILO has implemented 165 child labour projects through government/semi-government institutions, NGOs, trade unions and employers' organisations.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise distribution of working children according to 1971, 1981 and 1991 census

		1971	1981	1991
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,627,492	1,951,312	1,661,940
2	Assam	239,349*	**	327,598
3	Bihar	1,059,359	1,101,764	942,245
4	Gujarat	518,061	616,913	523,585
5	Haryana	137,826	194,189	109,691
6	Himachal Pradesh	71,384	99,624	56,438
7	Jammu and Kashmir	70,489	258,437	**
8	Karnataka	808,719	1,131,530	976,247
9	Kerala	111,801	92,854	34,800
10	Madhya Pradesh	1,112,319	1,698,597	1,352,563
11	Maharashtra	988,357	1,557,756	1,068,418
12	Manipur	16,380	20,217	16,493
13	Meghalaya	30,440	44,916	34,633
14	Nagaland	13,726	16,235	16,476
15	Orissa	492,477	702,293	452,394
16	Punjab	232,774	216,939	142,868
17	Rajasthan	587,389	819,605	774,199
18	Sikkim	15,661	8,561	5,598
19	Tamil Nadu	713,305	975,055	578,889
20	Tripura	17,490	24,204	16,478

1	2	3	4	5
21	Uttar Pradesh	1,326,726	1,434,675	1,410,086
22	West Bengal	511,443	605,263	711,691
23	Andaman and Nicobar Island	572	1,309	1,265
24	Arunachal Pradesh	17,925	17,950	12,395
25	Chandigarh	1,086	1,986	1,870
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3,102	3,615	4,416
27	Delhi	17,120	25,717	27,351
28	Daman and Diu	7,391	9,378	941
29	Goa			4,656
30	Lakshadweep	97	56	34
31	Mizoram	***	6,314	16,411
32	Pondicherry	3,725	3,606	2,680
	TOTAL :	10,753,985	13,640,870	11,285,349

* Includes figures of Mizo district also which then formed part of Assam

** Census could not be conducted.

*** Census figures of 1971 in respect of Mizoram included under Assam.

NB: Figures for 1991 relates io workers of age group 5—14 years.

Under-utilization of bed capacity by E.S.I. Hospitals, Thane

4212. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Thane E.S.I., Hospitals are using only 200 beds out of 700 due to less number of patients;

(b) whether Government propose to handover the hospitals to private agency;

(c) whether there are any other hospitals in Maharashtra which are not used to their fullest capacity; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?